

Bala Sailing Club
Great British Sailing Challenge : Bala Long Distance Event
Saturday 22 & 23 June 2019
NOTICE OF RACE

1. **ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** Bala Sailing Club, Bala, Gwynedd, LL23 7BS, (balasc.org.uk) and Great British Sailing Challenge (sailingchallenge.org)
2. **RULES :** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020), the appropriate class rules, and the sailing instructions of the event. If there is a conflict between this notice of race and the sailing Instructions, then the sailing instructions shall prevail.
3. **ADVERTISING :** No restrictions, but all advertising must comply with ISAF regulation20.
4. **BOAT IDENTIFICATION :** All boats shall compete under their registered numbers to comply with RRS rule 77. Exceptions as described in Appendix G3 do not apply for this event.
5. **ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY :**
 - a. Entry is open to (monohull dinghies, multihulls and sports boats)
 - b. Entrants by those under 18 years of age on the day of the event must be countersigned by a parent/guardian and presented at registration.
 - c. Entries are restricted to a maximum of 100 boats
6. **REGISTRATION :** Registration will be from 9am on Saturday 22 June in the sailing club
7. **BRIEFING :** There will be a briefing for all competitors at 11am at Race Control. Documents for the event will be published at <http://www.sailingchallenge.org> and displayed on the official notice board in the sailing club.
8. **SCHEDULE OF RACES**
 - a. Saturday : 1 long distance handicap race commencing at 1pm (target time 4 hours, depending upon conditions). Catamarans may be started before the dinghy's & sports boats, at the discretion of the RO.
 - b. Sunday : 3 handicap races, the first commencing at 10am, boats may be started in fleets, (eg Catamarans, RS400, Fast Handicap, & Slow Handicap) at the discretion of the RO.

9. **SCORING** : Handicap races will be scored on average lap times. 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series. The low points scoring system will be used and ties will be broken in accordance with RRS Appendix A.8. One discard will be allowed if 3 or more races are sailed, but the long distance race is non discardable. The "Great Lakes" PY numbers will be used in scoring for the event. Results will also be produced based upon the Great British Sailing Challenge Performance Indexes.
10. **FEES** : The Entry fees is £50 but subject to various discount, which are indicated when the participant goes through the registration process. Entries are to be made online in advance at <http://www.sailingchallenge.org> . Online entries will close at 11.59 pm on Thursday 20 June. Entries made in person on the day of the event will be charged at a higher rate than online entry.
11. **PRIZE GIVING** : The prize giving will be held as soon as possible after the last race. The "Bala Long Distance Trophy" will be awarded to the winner of the long distance race.
12. **RISK STATEMENT** : Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees & acknowledges that :
- (a). They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - (b). They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.
 - (c). They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - (d). Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - (e). The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - (f). The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
 - (g). It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.
13. **INSURANCE** : Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.
14. **SAFETY REGULATIONS** : Flag 'Y' will not be flown. Personal Flotation devices shall be worn at all times when afloat or on jetties.
15. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS** : Sailing instructions will be available at Registration or they can be downloaded prior to the event from the Bala Sailing Club Website.

<http://www.balasc.org.uk>

16. **VENUE :** The venue will be Bala Sailing club situated at the North East end of Bala Lake

17. **COURSES :** Courses will be as shown in the sailing instructions

FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact competition@balasc.org.uk

Rights to use Names & Likenesses : Competitors automatically grant to Bala Sailing Club without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event.